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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 20-21 and 34 are pending in this application. Claims 18-19 and 22-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-17 and 26-33 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 18 and 19 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Guillom (2002/0175323). As noted above, claims 18-19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-25 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Guillom (2002/0175323). As noted above, claims 22-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In section 5, page 1 of the Action and at page 3, paragraph 8 of the Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 20-21 are allowed. This indication of allowed claims is very much appreciated.

In section 6, page 1 of the Action and at page 3, paragraph 9 of the Action, the Examiner indicates that claim 34 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This indication of allowable subject matter is very much appreciated. As noted above, claim 34 is rewritten in independent form.

Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or combination thereof in the Office Action. In view of the above, all the claims are considered patentable and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned (at direct line 928-

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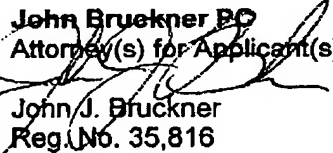
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226-1073) for prompt action in the event any issues remain that prevent the allowance of any pending claims.

No fee is due for filing this Reply because it is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response as set in the Office Action dated September 22, 2006.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3204 of John Bruckner PC.

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